Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06) Auditing Procedures Report

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If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.											
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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

REPORT ON AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority Board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on the audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority, as of December 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year end in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 6 through 9 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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MANAGEMENT
DISCUSSION
AND
ANALYSIS

Management Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2005

Within this section of the Sylvan Township Water & Sewer Authority financial report, the Authority's management is providing a narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005. This narrative discusses and analyzes the activity within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. The discussion focuses on the Authority's primary government and, unless otherwise noted, component units reported separately from the primary government are not included.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the Authority's financial statements. The financial statements include all the statements required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and the notes to the financial statements. The Authority also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Authority's annual reports include two Authority-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Authority's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The first of these statements is the Statement of Net Assets. This is the Authority-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the Authority may extend to various non-financial factors as well.

The second government-wide statement is the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets which reports how the Authority's net assets changed during the current fiscal year. The design of this statement is to show the financial reliance of the Authority's distinct activities or functions on the revenues generated by the Authority.

The Authority's financial reporting includes all the funds of the Authority (primary government) and, additionally, organizations for which the Authority is accountable (component units). Since the Authority's sole purpose is to operate and manage a water system, only one fund is maintained. Thus, there are no fund financial statements prepared by the Authority.

Notes to the financial statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the financial statements.

Other information

In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information. Other supplementary information includes a budget to actual reconciliation for current year Authority operations.

Financial Analysis of the Authority as a Whole

The Authority's net assets at the end of the fiscal year were \$19,432,631. This is a \$19,541,146 increase over last year's net deficit of \$108,515. A prior period adjustment was made to account for most of this increase in order for the Authority to account for the capital assets created by the member Townships. As consistent figures are used the Authority will provide comparative data.

The following tables provide a summary of the Authority's financial activities and changes in net assets:

Summary of Net Assets

	12/31/2005
Current and other assets Capital assets, net Total assets	\$ 108,810 19,685,545 19,794,355
Accounts payable Due to Sylvan Township Total liabilities	38,794 322,930 361,724
Net assets: Invested in capital assets Unrestricted (deficit) Total net assets	19,685,545 (252,914) \$ 19,432,631

Summary of Changes in Net Assets

Operating revenues	\$ 195,667
Operating expenses Depreciation Other operating expenses Total operating expenses	263,640 340,066 603,706
Operating (loss)	(408,039)
Capital contributions	3,080,274
Net income	2,672,235
Beginning net assets	(108,515)
Prior period adjustment	16,868,911
Ending net assets	\$ 19,432,631

Revenues have increased significantly due to the addition of new users onto the utility systems. Expenses have also increased due to these additional users, and the depreciation of \$263,640 associated with the system.

Capital and Debt Administration

The Authority has recorded the capital assets contributed by the member Townships with a prior period adjustment for all activity as of January 1, 2005. All current year activity is being recorded as a capital contribution from the member Township. Sylvan and Lyndon Township have completed the construction of the sewer lines to tap into Leoni Township during the fiscal year. A total of \$3,080,274 was spent from their respective construction funds being held at Washtenaw County. The debt for all the capital assets are being recorded within each individual member Township.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Goals

The Authority's financial outlook is very hard to predict with the recent downturn in the economy. The Authority expects that the operating deficit will be eliminated or reduced with the addition of new users onto the system.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's financial position and comply with finance-related regulations. If you have further questions about this report or request additional information, please contact the Authority at 18027 W. Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan 48118-9673.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2005

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable - billings		\$ 24,166 84,644	
Total current assets			\$ 108,810
CAPITAL ASSETS Land Utility systems Leasehold improvements Less accumulated depreciation		 98,350 20,070,290 44,185 20,212,825 527,280	
Net property, plant and equipment			 19,685,545
Total assets			19,794,355
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to Sylvan Township Total current liabilities	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	\$ 38,794 322,930	 <u>361,724</u>
	NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS Investment in capital assets Unreserved (deficit)		 19,685,545 (252,914)	
Total net assets			\$ 19,432,631

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

OPERATING REVENUES Billings - operations Meter sales Service charges Permit fees	\$ 127,773 21,714 1,717 44,463	
Total operating revenues		<u>\$ 195,667</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES Contracted services Depreciation Inspections and testing Utilities Chemicals Supplies Water Sewer Repairs and maintenance Water Sewer Telephone Office supplies Insurance Licenses and subscriptions Printing and publications Professional fees Security Fuel	163,693 263,640 13,758 21,892 7,264 40,797 4,987 1,915 55,456 1,707 2,469 5,318 3,288 637 14,214 751 1,920	
Total operating expenses		603,706
Operating (loss)		(408,039)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS Member contributions - additions to system		3,080,274
Net income		2,672,235
NET ASSETS, JANUARY 1, 2005		(108,515)
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT		16,868,911
NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 2005		<u>\$19,432,631</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from customers Receipts from Sylvan Township Payments to vendors \$ 126,04 194,25 (301,27)	59
Net cash from operating activities	\$ 19,029
CASH AT JANUARY 1, 2005	5,137
CASH AT DECEMBER 31, 2005	<u>\$ 24,166</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating (loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating (loss) to net cash from (used in) operating activities Depreciation expenses Changes in assets and liabilities Receivables, net Accounts payables, net Due to Sylvan Township	\$ (408,039) 263,640 (69,625) 38,794 194,259
Net cash from operating activities	\$ 19,029
NON CASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING TRANSACTIONS	
Capital additions to system contributed to authority by member	\$ 3,080,274

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority (the "Authority") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority:

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority is governed by an appointed five-member board. The Authority provides water and sewer services to certain areas within Sylvan Township, Lima Township and Lyndon Township. The utility systems used and maintained by the Authority are contributed by these member Townships.

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net deficit and the statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in net deficit) report all activities of the Authority. The activities of the Authority are considered business- type activities in that they rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The Authority does not conduct any governmental activities:

C. <u>MEASUREMENT FOCUS</u>

The financial activities of the Authority are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus, using the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, all assets and liabilities associated with its operations are included on the statement of net assets; revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred.

D. <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>

The Authority considers its deposits and restricted deposits and investments held with maturities of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

E. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the related assets, which range from 5 to 50 years for equipment and 5 to 50 years for buildings, structures, and improvements. All assets are owned by their respective member townships, but recorded on the Authority's books as they manage, maintain, and bill for utility usage.

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

F. CONSTRUCTION-IN-PROGRESS

The costs of acquisition and construction of major plant and equipment is recorded as construction-inprogress. As facilities are accepted by the Authority and become operative, they are transferred to the facilities and improvements or machinery and equipment accounts and depreciated in accordance with the Authority's depreciation policies. Costs of construction projects that are discontinued are recorded as expense in the year in which the decision is made to discontinue such projects.

G. CAPITALIZATION OF INTEREST

A portion of the interest cost incurred on capital projects is capitalized on assets that require a period of time for construction or to otherwise prepare them for their intended use. Such amounts are amortized over the useful lives of the assets.

H. PREMIUM AND ISSUANCE COSTS

Bond discount, premium, and issuance costs are amortized over the term of the related bonds. No such bond discount/premiums or issuance costs were outstanding or issued during the year ended December 31, 2005.

I. INCOME TAXES

As a governmental agency, the Authority is exempt from both federal income taxes and Michigan Single Business Tax.

NOTE 2 - MANAGEMENT'S ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.91, authorizes the Authority to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers; acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan. The Authority's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3 risk disclosures for the Authority's deposits are as follows:

<u>Deposits</u>		arrying mount	Bank Balance	
Chelsea State Bank	<u>\$</u>	24,166	\$ 26,547	

NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consist of regular quarterly billings and penalties. Each year, as of August 15, accounts receivable that are over 90 days old are placed on the tax roll for the applicable Township.

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The following is a summary of changes in property, plant and equipment:

	Balance 1-1-05	Additions		(Deletions)		Balance 12-31-05	
Land Utility systems Leasehold improvements	\$ 98,350 13,071,538 44,185	\$	6,998,752	\$	(0.000.750)	\$	98,350 20,070,290 44,185
Construction in progress Net	 3,918,478 17,132,551		3,080,274 10,079,026		(6,998,752) (6,998,752)		20,212,825
Accumulated depreciation Total net book value	\$ (263,640) 16,868,911	\$	(263,640) 9,815,386	\$	(6,998,752)	\$	(527,280) 19,685,545

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - continued

Depreciation related to the utility systems and equipment is recorded as depreciation expense on the statement of revenues and expenses. Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset which is as follows:

Water system - plant and distribution system	50 years
Equipment	5 & 7 years
Leasehold	20 years

Previously, these capital assets were being recorded by only one member township, and not on the Authority's financial statements. A prior period adjustment has been made to record these fixed assets on the Authority's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005. The Authority is responsible to manage and maintain these assets. Additions to these capital assets are generally due to capital contributions from the member townships for their portion of the system used by the Authority.

NOTE 6 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement number 9, a statement of cash flows is presented. The purpose of the statement of cash flows is to explain the change in cash and cash equivalents during the year.

Cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. The direct method was utilized to present cash flows from operations. The following is a summary of beginning and ending cash and cash equivalents:

	E Já	eginning Balance anuary 1, 2005	В	Ending alance ember 31, 2005
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	<u>5,137</u>	<u>\$</u>	24,166

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Authority. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 8 - SEGMENT INFORMATION

Selected financial information is as follows:

Operating revenue	\$ 195,667
Depreciation	263,640
Total assets	19,794,355
Total net assets	19,432,631
Net income	2,672,235

NOTE 9 - RETAINED EARNINGS DEFICIT

The unreserved retained earnings in the operations of the Authority. The Authority expects this deficit to be remedied over time as users are being added to this relatively new system.

NOTE 10 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

A prior adjustment has been made in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005 to account for the capital assets being managed and maintained by the Authority. The amount of the adjustment is detailed below and was added to the equity of the Authority.

Historical cost of capital assets	\$ 17,132,551
Less: accumulated depreciation	(263,640)

\$ 16,868,911

NOTE 11 - MEMBER TOWNSHIP UNCERTAINTY

Sylvan Township has entered into agreements with Washtenaw County in which the county sold bonds for approximately \$15 million on behalf of the Township to finance the construction of a sewer/water system improvements and lines. The bonds are payable over 20 years.

The Township has special assessments totaling \$6,949,491 yet to be collected while the total debt related to these projects is \$13,642,310 as of March 31, 2006. The Township believed there would be enough new utility customers to pay for the difference. However, the new customers are not forthcoming as originally planned. Recent projections of the debt service fund show possible cash flow deficits over the life of the debt obligation

The Township is considering various options to remedy the above problem. The effect of this possible deficit on the Authority has not been determined.

SYLVAN SEWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005



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September 29, 2006

Authority Board Sylvan Sewer & Water Authority 18027 W. Old US 12 Chelsea, MI 48118-9673

Honorable Authority Board:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Sylvan Sewer & Water Authority for the year ended December 31, 2005, we considered the Authority's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Those matters are as follows:

1. COMMENT

There was no inventory of the meters.

RECOMMENDATION

The Authority should periodically do a physical inventory in order to know what is on hand.

2. COMMENT

The special assessments levied to finance the wastewater treatment plant and collection system is considerably less than the outstanding debt owed by the Township to the bondholders.

RECOMMENDATION

The Authority should evaluate the possible ramifications if the Township is unable to fulfill its debt service requirements.

3. COMMENT

The water and sewer contractor collects the money and issues permits and water meters.

RECOMMENDATION

There is a lack of segregation of duties in this area. The Authority should evaluate the cost/benefit of separating these duties.

4. COMMENT

The receivables were not reconciled to the general ledger.

RECOMMENDATION

The receivables should be reconciled to the general ledger at least on a quarterly basis.

This letter does not affect our report dated September 29, 2006, on the financial statements of Sylvan Sewer & Water Authority.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and recommendations with various Authority personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Authority Board, and management of Sylvan Sewer & Water Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

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